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## **Iowa Insurance Division FY 2016 & 2017 Budget Request**

### **Request status quo funding plus an additional amount in order to fill 4 vacancies; \$5,325,889**

- The Iowa Insurance Division (“IID”) shall protect consumers through consumer education and by effectively and efficiently providing a fair, flexible and positive regulatory environment.
- After 5 years of a flat budget, the Insurance Division has been leaving positions vacant in order to file a balanced budget spending plans. Over the past 3 years, this has increased from 1, to 2, and for FY15, 4 vacant FTEs. We respectfully request an increase in our appropriation in the amount of \$225,900 to allow us to be fully staffed. This is 4.4% of our FY15 appropriation. The IID still must cover step increases, SLIP costs, and the increased cost of health insurance.
- IID budget includes federal grant funds for SHIP and marketplace outreach. The Company Regulation Bureau is funded from appropriable receipts. Total IID budget is \$13.25MM compared to FY14 Revolving Fund revenues of \$31.3MM.
- A brief summary of IID’s accomplishments includes:
  - ✓ Global Insurance Symposium held in Des Moines
  - ✓ Two companies redomiciled to Iowa includes Fidelity & Guarantee Life Insurance) plus seven new companies were formed
  - ✓ Closed 52 financial exams
  - ✓ SHIP assisted 125,312 Iowans and helped save Iowans \$11,703,650
  - ✓ Insurance and securities enforcement/ review efforts recovered \$2,980,477 for Iowans
  - ✓ Enhanced educational outreach including Iowa Fraud Fighters for older Iowans, Cash Course for middle schoolers, and Financial Fitness Challenge for direct care workers
- Ongoing issues plus future goals and focus for IID:
  - ✓ PPACA implementation continues to be focus for key staff
  - ✓ Accreditation
  - ✓ Federal and international encroachment on state regulators
  - ✓ Evolving complexity of carriers we regulate compounds need for staff with enhanced skill set
  - ✓ Departure of aging workforce requires succession planning plus ensuring right skills and people staff the IID
  - ✓ Ensuring the balance between protecting consumers and a vibrant industry